

DEFENSE SECURITY  
COOPERATION AGENCY,  
Arlington, VA.

Hon. JAMES E. RISCH,  
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations,  
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 20-78 concerning the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Australia for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$132.2 million. After this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale.

Sincerely,

HEIDI H. GRANT,  
Director.

Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 20-78

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended

(i) Prospective Purchaser: Government of Australia.

(ii) Total Estimated Value:  
Major Defense Equipment \* \$0  
Other \$132.2 million.  
Total \$132.3 million.

(iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):  
None.

Non-MDE: M825A1 155mm White Phosphorous projectile munitions, M782 Multi-Option Fuze for Artillery, M762A1 electronic-timed fuzes, M231 and M232A2 propelling charges, percussion primers, technical publications and books, technical data for operational maintenance, technical assistance and services, and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) Military Department: Army (AT-B-ULC).

(v) Prior Related Cases, if any: AT-B-UGN.

(vi) Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be paid: None.

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold: See Attached Annex.

(viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: December 4, 2020.

\* As defined in Section 47(6) of the Arms Export Control Act.

#### POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Government of Australia—155mm  
Ammunition and Accessories

The Government of Australia has requested to buy M825A1 155mm White Phosphorous projectile munitions, M782 Multi-Option Fuze for Artillery, M762A1 electronic-timed fuzes, M231 and M232A2 propelling charges, percussion primers, technical publications and books, technical data for operational maintenance, technical assistance and services, and other related elements of logistics and program support. The total estimated program cost is \$132.2 million.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States. Australia is one of our most important allies in the Western Pacific. The strategic location of this political and economic power contributes significantly to ensuring peace and economic stability in the region.

This purchase will enable effective training and extend the Australian Defence Force's (ADF) capability to conduct combined operations. The ADF already has these rounds in service, and is trained and equipped to use them. Australia will not have any difficulty absorbing these weapons into its armed forces.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The principal contractor will be determined at a later date. The material could potentially be sourced from a combination of DoD stocks and new procurement. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the assignment of U.S. Government or contractor representatives to Australia.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

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(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:

1. The M825A1 is a 155mm artillery projectile which utilizes a payload of white phosphorous impregnated felt to produce a smoke screen at a target location. The Government of Australia has stated their commitment to use these rounds exclusively for its intended purpose, which is to provide signaling and to obscure enemy visibility on the battlefield.

2. The M782 Multi-Option Fuze for Artillery (MOFA). The M782 is a selectable multi-option fuze that provides height of burst capability to artillery rounds. The M782 is a sensitive military technology and has been approved for release to the Government of Australia.

3. Also included in this case are propelling charges and other fuzes that enable the effective use of the M825A1 end item. While these technologies are controlled military hardware they do not represent a significant technology transfer risk.

4. The highest level of classified information associated with the sale of this equipment is SECRET.

5. If a technologically advanced adversary obtains knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements, the information could be used to develop countermeasures or equivalent systems that might reduce weapon system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

6. A determination has been made that Australia can provide substantially the same degree of protection for the sensitive technology being released as the U.S. Government. This proposed sale is necessary to further the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the Policy Justification.

7. All defense articles and services listed on this transmittal are authorized for release and export to the Government of Australia.

#### ARMS SALES NOTIFICATION

Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, section 36(b) of the Arms Export Control Act requires that Congress receive prior notification of certain proposed arms sales as defined by that statute. Upon such notification, the Congress has 30 calendar days during which the sale may be reviewed. The provision stipulates that, in the Senate, the notification of proposed sales shall be sent to the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

In keeping with the committee's intention to see that relevant information is available to the full Senate, I ask unanimous consent to have printed

in the RECORD the notifications which have been received. If the cover letter references a classified annex, then such annex is available to all Senators in the office of the Foreign Relations Committee, room SD-423.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

DEFENSE SECURITY  
COOPERATION AGENCY,  
Arlington, VA.

Hon. JAMES E. RISCH,  
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations,  
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 20-87 concerning the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States (TECRO) for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$280 million. After this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale.

Sincerely,

HEIDI H. GRANT,  
Director.

Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 20-87

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended

(i) Prospective Purchaser: Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States (TECRO).

(ii) Total Estimated Value:  
Major Defense Equipment \* \$0 million.  
Other \$280 million.  
Total \$280 million.

(iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase: TECRO has requested to buy a Field Information Communications System (FICS), consisting of:

Major Defense Equipment (MDE): None.

Non-MDE: One hundred fifty-four (154) Communications Nodes (CN) with S-788 Type III shelter; twenty-four (24) Communication Relays with S-788 Type III shelter; eight (8) Network Management Systems (NMS) with S-788 Type III shelter; Basic Issue Items (BII); program management support; verification testing; system technical support; transportation; spare and repair parts; communication support equipment; communication equipment integration; tools and test equipment; personnel training and training equipment; initial repair and return program; Additional Authorized List (AAL); technical manuals; Quality Assurance Team (QAT); U.S. Government and contractor engineering; technical and logistics support services; contractor provided training; Field Service Representatives (FSR); and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) Military Department: Army (TW-B-ZAW).

(v) Prior Related Cases, if any: None.

(vi) Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid: None.

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold: See Attached Annex.

(viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: December 7, 2020.

\* As defined in Section 47(6) of the Arms Export Control Act.

## POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States (TECRO)—Field Information Communications System (FICS)

TECRO has requested to buy a Field Information Communications System (FICS), consisting of one hundred fifty-four (154) Communications Nodes (CN) with S-788 Type III shelter; twenty-four (24) Communication Relays with S-788 Type III shelter; eight (8) Network Management Systems (NMS) with S-788 Type III shelter; Basic Issue Items (BI); program management support; verification testing; system technical support; transportation; spare and repair parts; communication support equipment; communication equipment integration; tools and test equipment; personnel training and training equipment; initial repair and return program; Additional Authorized List (AAL); technical manuals; Quality Assurance Team (QAT); U.S. Government and contractor engineering; technical and logistics support services; contractor provided training; Field Service Representatives (FSR); and other related elements of logistics and program support. The total estimated program cost is \$280 million.

This proposed sale is consistent with U.S. law and policy as expressed in Public Law 96-8.

This proposed sale serves U.S. national, economic, and security interests by supporting the recipient's continuing efforts to modernize its armed forces and to maintain a credible defensive capability. The proposed sale will help improve the security of the recipient and assist in maintaining political stability, military balance, economic and progress in the region.

This proposed sale is designed to provide mobile and secure communications. It will contribute to the recipient's goal to modernize its military communication's capability in support of their mission and operational needs. The recipient will have no difficulty absorbing these systems into its armed forces.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The principal contractor is currently unknown due to a pending open competition for selection. The purchaser typically requests offsets. Any offset agreement will be defined in negotiations between the purchaser and the contractor(s).

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the permanent assignment of any additional U.S. Government or contractor representatives to the recipient. Contractor representative and U.S. Government support teams may be required to travel to the country on a temporary basis.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

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## Annex Item No. vii

## (vii) Sensitivity of Technology:

1. The Field Information Communications System (FICS) is made up of commercially available, non-program of record components. The FICS system (also referred to as "Syun Lien") is an area-switched communications system which is designed to provide mobile and secure communications in a wide range of battle situations. The FICS system provides mobile and secure voice and data communications on an automatic, discrete addressed, fixed-directory basis to the military Tactical Operations Center (TOC)-

level command posts (CPs), and remote (mobile) users employing technological improvements in radio transmissions, data networking and packetized voice, while minimizing system footprint (power, size, personnel and logistics train). The system supports both mobile and wire subscribers with a means to exchange command, control, communications, and intelligence information in a dynamic tactical environment.

2. The highest level of classification of defense articles, components, and services included in this potential sale is UNCLASSIFIED.

3. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the hardware and software elements, the information could be used to develop countermeasures or equivalent systems, which might reduce system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

4. A determination has been made that the recipient can provide substantially the same degree of protection for the sensitive technology being released as the U.S. Government. This sale is necessary in furtherance of the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the Policy Justification.

5. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal have been authorized for release and export to the recipient.

## PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. President, today on Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, veterans and their families will participate in remembrance events at the Pearl Harbor National Memorial.

The attack on December 7, 1941, killed 2,403 and injured 1,178. This date of infamy as President Franklin Delano Roosevelt described it, was one of America's most consequential. It launched the United States into World War II and unleashed the courage, bravery, and resolve of thousands of servicemembers who changed the course of history.

In Europe and Asia, they crushed the forces of fascism, Nazism, and oppression and brought freedom to much of the world. The price they paid was immense. Many made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. Those who returned built the world we know today.

We call them the Greatest Generation. Now in the twilight of their lives, we have a chance to say, thank you, once more.

I have introduced S. 3812, the WWII Veterans Hospital and Medical Eligibility Act, and I am pleased to have the bipartisan support of Senators CRAMER, DAINES, BOOKER, TESTER, COONS, COLLINS, YOUNG, RUBIO, SINEMA, ROUNDS, WICKER, HASSAN, and KLOBUCHAR, and TILLIS.

In 1996, the Veterans Health Care Eligibility Act opened the VA healthcare system to all veterans of the Spanish-American War and World War I. My bill will provide the same benefits for World War II veterans. It will exempt World War II veterans who are not enrolled in VA healthcare from means testing requirements. This is one final opportunity to honor their heroism and

afford them with dignity in their final years.

I have been honored to work with the American Legion on this legislation. I thank the Legion for its tireless advocacy on behalf of our Nation's veterans. On October 31, 2019, the American Legion National Commander, Bill Oxford called on the Veterans Administration to expand the Veterans Health Care Eligibility Act of 1996 for World War II veterans. This bill does just that.

As we reflect on National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, it is time for us to answer the call and provide VA healthcare to all those who answered the call of our Nation during its hour of need in World War II.

## HONORING DEPUTY SANDEEP DHALIWAL

Mr. CRUZ. Mr. President, on September 27, 2019, Harris County lost one of its finest when Deputy Sandeep Dhaliwal's life was taken in the line of duty. Pyara Dhaliwal, Deputy Dhaliwal's father, lost his hero.

That is exactly who Deputy Dhaliwal was, a hero. He was deeply committed to his faith, his family, and to serving others with compassion.

Moved by his Sikh faith, Deputy Dhaliwal was a trailblazer. When he was first recruited by the sheriff's office, Deputy Dhaliwal petitioned the office to allow him to wear his turban and beard while in uniform, becoming the first to be allowed to do so.

Deputy Dhaliwal has left a profound legacy on the law enforcement community. Since his death, the Houston Police Department and all eight county constables have changed their policies to allow officers to wear and carry articles of faith on duty. Deputy Dhaliwal's commitment to his faith will inspire generations of Sikhs and other religious minorities to serve in law enforcement and protect our communities.

Deputy Dhaliwal was also a dedicated husband, father, son, and brother. His wife Harwinder Kaur Dhaliwal and their three beautiful children Japdeep, Noordeep, and Pardeep and their family and friends have dedicated their lives to ensuring his legacy endures.

We also remember Deputy Dhaliwal's commitment to love and peace, a love and peace he showed not only while on duty, but to each person he served.

When Hurricane Harvey decimated the Texas Gulf Coast, Deputy Dhaliwal served meals to Houstonians who were left homeless. In the wake of Hurricane Maria, he traveled to Puerto Rico to assist in the relief efforts there. He also worked to deliver water and supplies to Punjab, India, while the area was suffering from a severe drought.

Deputy Dhaliwal leaves behind an unmistakably beautiful legacy of a life marked with faith, devotion, and service to others.

I am grateful my colleagues have moved to rename the U.S. Postal Office